



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's Community News & Events

Community News

Repairs Begin on the MacArthur Maze / I-580 Deck Collapse – Lower Deck to Be Completed within 10 Days



Last Sunday morning, a gasoline tanker truck carrying 8,600 gallons of fuel exploded and destroyed a portion of the MacArthur Maze affecting westbound I-80 connector to southbound I-880 (Richmond to San Jose) and the eastbound I-80 to eastbound I-580 (San Francisco to Stockton) connectors. These two ramps are now closed. Although [traffic has been rerouted to mitigate traffic congestion](#), commuters are encouraged to take [BART](#), [AC Transit](#) and other forms of public transportation when traveling to and from the city of San Francisco.

Your state government has responded swiftly to this incident. On Sunday, the governor made an emergency declaration to expedite the repair process. Caltrans engineers immediately began to assess the damage. Demolition of the I-580 connector damaged in the fire was completed on Tuesday. Design work to repair the damage is expected to take just two days. Yesterday, Caltrans announced that the repair work on the lower deck, I-880 connector, will be [completed within the next 10 days](#) as they continue working around the clock. For more information on the progress, go online to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/mazedamage/> or contact my district office at (510) 583-8818.

Assemblymember Hayashi Hosted ID Theft Workshop in Response to Credit Card Scam at Local Grocery Store

Assemblymember Hayashi held an ID Theft Workshop on April 21st and announced her plans to introduce the [Consumer Sales Security Act](#) in response to the recent spree of thefts from the unauthorized tampering of grocery store Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) devices throughout the East Bay. This bill would increase funding for law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate consumer identity theft cases related to EFT transactions and make crimes involving the illegal tampering a felony. The Consumer Sales Security Act would also require the Office of Privacy Protection to develop an identify theft prevention program for businesses and retailers. The program would educate retailers on security methods and procedures to better protect the financial data of their customers.



The Alameda County Sheriff's Department has reported that high-tech thieves have stolen more than [\\$100,000 from over 80 customers](#) at the Albertson's grocery stores in San Lorenzo and the city of Alameda. More recent estimates predict that more than 500 customers may have been affected by this scam. Representatives from the California Office Privacy Protection, Save Mart Supermarkets and the lead investigators from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department were present to answer the community's questions.

Hayashi Hosted the 2007 Earth Day Celebration at CSU East Bay



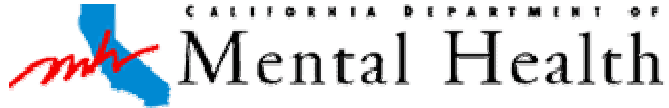
Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted the 2007 Earth Day Celebration at the brand new [Valley Business and Technology Center at CSU-East Bay](#) in Hayward on April 19th. The Keep Hayward Clean and Green Taskforce, [Sierra Club](#), [California Native Plant Society](#), [East Bay Regional Park District](#), [Save The Bay](#), and Waste Management held table discussions for attendees to discover new information and resources to combat global warming. AC Transit provided tours of the [AC Transit Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus](#) that emits zero emissions. Assemblymember Hayashi held a discussion with regards to environmental legislation at the state level and attendees also enjoyed an encore Large Screen Presentation of the Academy Award Winning Documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*.



Following the event, Enterprise Rent-A-Car donated California seedlings to each of the attendees to help fight global warming through the absorption of CO₂ greenhouse gases. We thank each of our co-sponsors for their service!

Hayashi Moderated Public Hearing on Mental Health Stigma

On April 26th, Assemblymember Hayashi moderated the [Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's](#) (OAC) public hearing on mental health stigma and discrimination in Emeryville. The public was invited to provide oral comments and written testimony on the commission's proposed strategies to eliminate stigma around mental illness. The OAC, which was created to oversee implementation of the Mental Health Services Act, is charged with redirecting



of underserved communities.

California's mental health system toward transformation, including developing public education strategies to overcome the stigma associated with mental illness. The Emeryville hearing is the second of two public forums designed to gain public and stakeholder input, particularly from representatives

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, now known as the [Mental Health Services Act](#) or MHSA. This groundbreaking Act addresses a broad continuum of prevention, early intervention, and service needs. By generating approximately \$700 million annually, MHSA serves as the first opportunity in many years for the California Department of Mental Health to provide increased funding, personnel and other resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for children, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families. The MHSA will provide for an investment of \$80 million over four years on stigma and discrimination reduction.

Constituents Treated to a Dollars and Sense Workshop Prior to Tax Deadline



Assemblymember Hayashi hosted a [Dollars and Sense Workshop](#) in cooperation with CalCPA Institute on April 12th at the San Leandro Main Library. The workshop featured personal financial specialist, Mr. Jerry Nightingale (pictured with Assemblymember Hayashi), who discussed financial planning, tax tips, and debt management. He specializes in advising high net-worth individuals about financial planning, wealth accumulation, and investment management. He has been providing financial services for over 20 years.

The workshop covered topics such as Good Debt vs. Bad Debt., Making Money Work for You, Tax Tips, Paying for College and Retirement Planning. If you were not able to make it and would like a packet handed out at the event, please call my district office at (510) 583-8818 and we will send a copy to you.

Assemblymember Hayashi Presented a \$5,000 Grant to Cesar Chavez Middle School of Hayward



On April 26th, Assemblymember Hayashi presented a \$5,000 grant to Principal Olga Pineda of Cesar Chavez Middle School in Hayward. The grant, given by the Barona Education Grant Program, provides funding to purchase much-needed supplies and materials such as books and computers for schools throughout California. Cesar Chavez was chosen for the 18th Assembly District after it applied for the grant last year with the endorsement of former Assemblymember Johan Klehs.

Congratulations Cesar Chavez Middle School!

Assemblymember Hayashi Honored the 20th Anniversary of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation

On May 2, the [Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation](#) celebrated its 20th Anniversary of collaborating with the Pleasanton Unified School District, local businesses, and the community. Through these educational partnerships, PPIE has created a pro-active and positive environment for over 14,000 students in Pleasanton with enhanced learning experiences and has raised over \$800,000 for school programs.

As a result, the students gain a wealth of knowledge and skills that they can utilize in their academic and professional careers.

Congratulations PPIE on your 20th Anniversary!



Upcoming Events

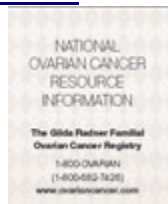
- May 12th, [Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade](#), Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- June 22nd, Healthcare for Californians hosted by the [Hayward Democratic Club](#), Westminster Hills Church, Hayward from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Resources Available

New Publications Available



Child Immunization Law

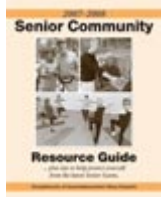


Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide

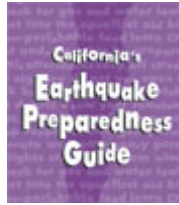


High Blood Pressure

Other Publications Available



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Tired of waiting at toll booths and want to sign up for FasTrak? Find it and 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, how to apply for a FasTrak toll device, and how you can receive free cash for college.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the [State Resources Websites](#) link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.